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NWT Labour Force Activity - June 2013 -

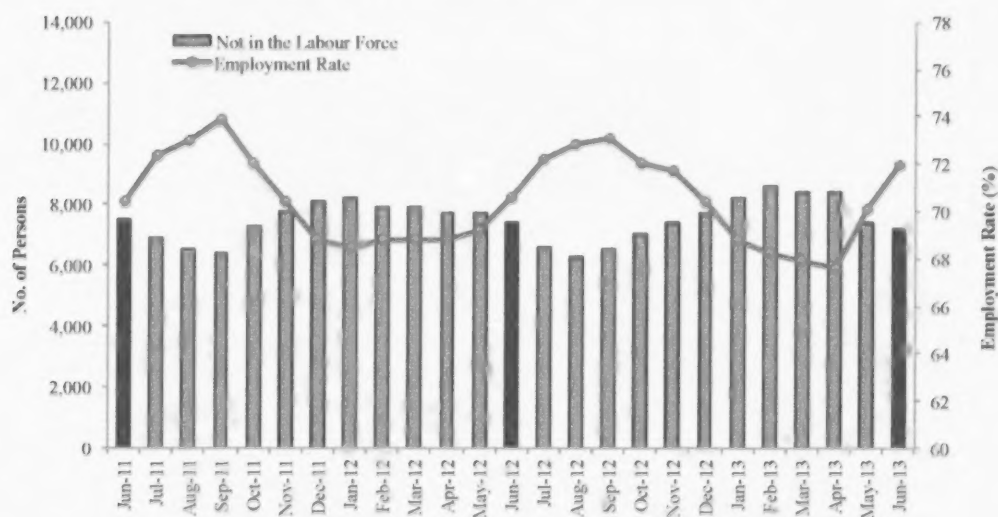
Statistics Canada estimates that, in June 2013, out of 32,000 residents 15 years of age and older 23,000 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories, representing an employment rate of 71.9%. Nationally, Canada's employment rate stood at 62.3%.

The NWT employment rate rose for the second consecutive month, after hitting the bottom of the employment cycle in April. The increase since April represents the largest bi-monthly increase since collection started in 2001, increasing 2.5 percentage points in May and 1.8 points in June. The increase in June translates into 500 more employed persons compared to the previous month.

Table 1 Monthly Highlights
Northwest Territories, June 2013

	Jun-13	May-13	Jun-12
Population	32,000	32,100	32,000
Labour Force	24,800	24,700	24,700
Employed	23,000	22,500	22,600
Unemployed	1,800	2,200	2,100
Not in Labour Force	7,200	7,400	7,400
Participation (%)	77.5	76.9	77.2
Employment (%)	71.9	70.1	70.6
Unemployment (%)	7.3	8.9	8.5

Figure 1 *Persons Not in the Labour Force and Employment Rates*
Northwest Territories, 2011-2013



Both employment and the employment rate increased for all key characteristics between May and June 2013. The youth employment rate increased by 3.4 percentage points, while both the female and aboriginal rates increased by 2.6 percentage points. These increases immediately followed the sharp employment rate rise in May, which was the largest monthly employment gain in almost three years.

Table 2 *Employment Rates by Key Characteristics
Northwest Territories*

	Jun-13		May-13		Apr-13	
	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment rate (%)
Northwest Territories	23,000	71.9	22,500	70.1	21,700	67.6
15-24 Yrs.	3,100	47.0	2,900	43.9	2,600	39.4
25 Yrs. & Over	19,900	78.3	19,600	76.9	19,100	74.9
Males	11,900	71.7	11,800	71.1	11,400	68.7
Females	11,100	72.1	10,700	69.5	10,400	67.1
Aboriginal	7,600	54.7	7,400	52.1	7,200	50.7
Non-Aboriginal	15,400	85.1	15,100	84.8	14,600	81.6
Yellowknife	13,100	81.9	12,800	81.0	12,500	79.6
Other	9,900	61.9	9,700	59.5	9,300	56.7

Between May and June 2013, the overall employment gain of 500 persons were all full-time employment in the service sector. Comparing June 2012 to June 2013, there was a notable shift of employment from public into private & self-employment.

Table 3 *Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics
Northwest Territories, June 2013*

	Jun-13	May-13	Jun-12	May-13 to Jun-13	Jun-12 to Jun-13
				Change (persons)	
Total Employment	23,000	22,500	22,600	500	400
Full-time	20,600	20,000	20,000	600	600
Part-time	2,400	2,500	2,600	(100)	(200)
Employees	21,100	20,800	21,200	300	(100)
Public	10,000	10,000	10,600	-	(600)
Private	11,100	10,800	10,600	300	500
Self-employment	1,900	1,700	1,400	200	500
Goods Producing	3,900	4,000	3,600	(100)	300
Service Producing	19,100	18,500	18,900	600	200

The following table presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

Table 4 **Labour Force Activity**
Northwest Territories

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Not in the Labour Force	Partic- ipation Rate	Unemp- loyment Rate	Employ- ment Rate
Jun-13	32,000	24,800	23,000	1,800	7,200	77.5	7.3	71.9
May-13	32,100	24,700	22,500	2,200	7,400	76.9	8.9	70.1
Apr-13	32,100	23,700	21,700	2,000	8,400	73.8	8.4	67.6
Mar-13	32,100	23,700	21,800	1,900	8,400	73.8	8.0	67.9
Feb-13	32,100	23,500	21,900	1,600	8,600	73.2	6.8	68.2
Jan-13	32,100	23,900	22,100	1,700	8,200	74.5	7.1	68.8
Dec-12	32,100	24,400	22,600	1,800	7,700	76.0	7.4	70.4
Nov-12	32,100	24,700	23,000	1,700	7,400	76.9	6.9	71.7
Oct-12	32,100	25,000	23,100	1,900	7,000	77.9	7.6	72.0
Sep-12	32,000	25,600	23,400	2,200	6,500	80.0	8.6	73.1
Aug-12	32,000	25,700	23,300	2,300	6,300	80.3	8.9	72.8
Jul-12	32,000	25,400	23,100	2,300	6,600	79.4	9.1	72.2
Previous Years:								
Jun-12	32,000	24,700	22,600	2,100	7,400	77.2	8.5	70.6
Jun-11	32,100	24,600	22,600	2,000	7,500	76.6	8.1	70.4
Jun-10	32,300	23,300	21,600	1,800	9,000	72.1	7.7	66.9
Jun-09	32,200	23,400	21,900	1,500	8,800	72.7	6.4	68.0
Jun-08	32,100	24,300	22,600	1,600	7,900	75.7	6.6	70.4
Jun-07	31,700	24,900	23,300	1,600	6,800	78.5	6.4	73.5
Jun-06	31,200	24,600	23,200	1,400	6,600	78.8	5.7	74.4
Jun-05	31,200	23,700	22,500	1,200	7,500	76.0	5.1	72.1
Jun-04	30,900	24,000	22,200	1,800	6,900	77.7	7.5	71.8
Jun-03	30,100	23,000	21,200	1,800	7,000	76.4	7.8	70.4

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

For additional information on the monthly release of labour force survey results for the Northwest Territories, visit the NWT Bureau of Statistics website at <http://www.statsnwt.ca> or call (867) 873-7147.

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